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TAGS: YOUNG, MOOSE, IVORY COAST, ANGOLA

SUBJ: YOUNG/MOOSE MTG. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AKE RE:

PRESIDENT BOIGNY'S INTENDED CONVERSATION W/SAVIMBI

1. SUMMARY: YOUNG/MOOSE MET AUGUST 30 WITH IVORY COAST FOREIGN MINISTER AKE CONCERNING PRESIDENT HOUPHET BOIGNY'S APPROACH TO (UNITA) SAVIMBI. AKE SAID THAT PRES. BOIGNY INTENDS TO TELL SAVIMBI TO GIVE UP THE ARMED CONFLICT FOR THE TIME BEING. IT WAS NOT IN SAVIMBI'S INTEREST TO CONTINUE UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. AKE ALSO STATED THAT IVORY COAST WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO UNTAG PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY

2. AMB. YOUNG ASKED FOR. MIN. AKE WHETHER OR NOT PRES. BOIGNY HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE APPROACH TO SAVIMBI
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CONCERNING CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN ANGOLA. AKE SAID THAT BOIGNY HAD NOT, BUT INTENDED TO DO SO IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. AKE SAID THAT BOIGNY INTENDED TO TELL SAVIMBI THAT HE SHOULD GIVE UP THE ARMED STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESENT. THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND ALONG THE ANGOLA/ZAIRE BORDER PRESENTED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NETO TO EASE HIS DEPENDENCE ON THE CUBANS AND THE

U.S.S.R. AKE STATED BOIGNY INTENDED TO ARGUE THAT A POLITICAL RECONCILIATION WAS MORE IN SAVIMBI'S INTEREST. HOWEVER, BOIGNY FELT THAT NEITHER SAVIMBI NOR NETO WERE OF A MIND PRESENTLY TO PURSUE POLITICAL RECONCILIATION, BUT THAT IT COULD BE PURSUED IN TIME.

3. YOUNG ASKED WHETHER IVORY COAST WAS PREPARED TO EXTEND POLITICAL ASYLUM TO SAVIMBI. AKE ANSWERED THAT SENEGAL WAS IN BETTER POSITION TO DO SO, BECAUSE OF PRES. SENGHOR'S SUPPORT FOR SAVIMBI. AKE RECALLED IVORY COAST HAD PROVIDED REFUGE FOR OJUKWUO AT THE REQUEST OF F.M.G. OF NIGERIA, BUT HAD REQUESTED THAT HE REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

4. AKE SATED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT SAVIMBI WAS PREPARING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE U.S. YOUNG/MOOSE ASKED AKE TO DISCOURAGE SUCH A MOVE. THE SENDING OF A DELEGATION TO APPROACH U.S.G. OFFICIALLY, MIGHT NOT BE IN SAVIMBI'S INTEREST. MOOSE STATED THAT IN IVORY COAST'S APPROACH TO SAVIMBI THAT THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO A POLITICAL RECONCILIATION IN ANGOLA AND NORMALIZATION OF ANGOLA--ZAIRE BORDER. AKE SHOULD POINT OUT TO UNITA REPS THAT U.S. HAS NEVER WORKED AGAINST SAVIMBI.

5. AKE INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. HAD APPROACHED SAUDI
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ARABIA OR IRAN CONCERNING THEIR SUPPORT FOR SAVIMBI. MOOSE/YOUNG STATED THAT U.S. HAD MADE NO SUCH APPROACH, BUT CUBANS MAY RAISE THIS WITH U.S. AT SOME POINT.

6. AKE SAID THAT REGARDING UNTAG, IVORY COAST HAD DECIDED NOT TO PROVIDE TROOPS FOR NAMIBIA. IN CONCLUSION, AKE SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A VISIT BY PRES. BOIGNY TO WASHINGTON. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BOIGNY TO MEET WITH THE HEADS OF THE WESTERN WORLD. MOOSE RESPONDED THAT THE PROSPECTS DIDN'T LOOK GOOD FOR THIS YEAR WITH PRES. CARTER'S DIFFICULT SCHEDULE AND THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER. AKE SAID THAT BOIGNY HAD NEVER ADDRESSED THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS HEAD OF STATE. BOIGNY HAD ONLY ADDRESSED G.A. ONCE LONG AGO AND THEN AS THE HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE DATE WHEN BOIGNY WOULD ADDRESS G.A. AS PRESIDENT OF IVORY COAST. AKE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE SUCH AN APPEARANCE TO CONCLUDE WITH AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
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